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Members of Council,

As mentioned by the Ottawa Police Service, there were large crowds that stayed downtown overnight. There were some isolated incidents, including damage to a City vehicle and harassment of City staff, however Ottawa Police Service was able to successfully de-escalate. Police are investigating these incidents, as well as the incidents of desecration to the National War Memorial and Terry Fox statue.

The Ottawa Paramedic Service treated 17 patients associated with the demonstration. Ten were minor injuries and seven were transported to hospital. I would like to thank the Ottawa Police Service for working with our paramedics to ensure their safety as they respond to these calls.

A small vehicle convoy arrived in Ottawa this morning and another one is expected from the West later today. Numbers associated with these convoys are not yet available. There are currently significant impacts downtown and on the 417 in both directions. Ramp closures are being put in effect downtown to manage the flow of traffic. In regard to travel from Quebec, police in Gatineau will allow first responders and healthcare workers to access the Chaudière Bridge with their identification.

Large crowds continue to be present on Parliament and this is expected to grow as the day continues. The organizers planned an event at 11 am this morning and noon. We expect the demonstration to become smaller after today. Nonetheless, the impacts to the downtown will continue into the week. City services in the downtown core will be impacted.

The current closures include:

- St. Luke's Child Care Centre and Centre éducatif Pinocchio will close on Monday. Parents and guardians are being notified directly.
- City Hall and the parking garage will remain closed on Monday. Staff will be able to access the building with their identification cards but will not be able to park in the garage.
- The Ottawa Public Library's Main and Rideau branches will be closed on Monday

More information will be available later today on further impacts, which will be communicated to the public via our normal channels.

Rideau Centre continues to be closed due to the crowds. OC Transpo buses are being detoured around the core.

The best advice we can give residents is to avoid the downtown core. Closed roads and traffic congestion will make it very difficult to access the area. The best way to keep up to date on the road closures is by visiting traffic.ottawa.ca and clicking "incidents." Traffic services is maintaining live updates on the map.

We are extremely grateful to those who live in the downtown for their patience during this difficult time. We are working very closely with Ottawa Police Service to ensure that the peace is kept in the downtown and that emergency lanes remain accessible. Ottawa Police Service and City staff are doing everything they can to address concerns from our residents in this dynamic and challenging situation.

Thank you for your continued support.

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